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1. Perleberg residents report that about 300 motor vehicles, 50 to 70 motorcycles, 50 AT guns, and 50 mortars passed through the town between 6 and 8 March 1951. They came from Perleberg and from the direction of Pritzwalk and Wittenberge and proceeded toward the Lenzen-Karstedt area. Observed in the streets of Perleberg on 12 March were vehicles belonging to Headquarters GOFG, Headquarters Third Shock Army, the 18th Mechanized Division, the 207th Motorized Rifle Division, and headquarters units both of the Third Shock Army and the Ninth Rifle Corps.
2. Following alarm, troops stationed at Perleberg Airfield departed from the field to the southeast and northwest on 9 March. The units in the Artillerie Kaserne remained in their quarters.
- 25X1A 3. The entrainment of troops of the 12th Guards Tank Division in Neuruppin on 14 March, [REDACTED] has been confirmed by [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] The train concerned was dispatched to Wittenberge.
4. A troop train of five boxcars and 25 flatcars, shipment [REDACTED]

9. The Panzerschule in Wuensdorf was partially occupied on 16 March. Telephone lines were being strung. All vehicles seen at the installation belonged to the GOFG. German craftsmen spoke of an advance party of tank troops. One hundred twenty-five trucks allegedly arrived there during the night of 15 March. It was

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reported that the soldiers were preparing billets for troops and an army headquarters coming, according to rumors, from Koenigsberg.**

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On [REDACTED] a train of 40 flatcars [REDACTED] aircraft
en route from Brest-Litovsk to Zerbst [REDACTED] Koennewitz.
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* [REDACTED] COMMENT: A command post exercise may have been held in the Perleberg area during the period from about 8 to 15 March, involving primarily elements of the Third Shock Army and perhaps elements of other armies.

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** [REDACTED] Comment: The information on the arrival of the advance party is credible, as troops have been expected to move into the Wuenendorf encampment early in April. The rumors concerning the expected arrival of troops and an army headquarters from Koenigsberg should be treated with great reserve, however.

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